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rl who was cuts on her ucussion and s. Capt. Don e Los Angeles rtment said p St. Francis Lynwood.



TWO OF five young women hurt in the crash sit in a truck while being interviewed by a police officer.

The other two women were taken by paramedics to San Gabriel Valley Medical Center and County-USC Medical Center.

Kano said the driver and one passenger were from Baldwin Park, while other pas-

sengers were from Azusa, Pico Rivera and Los Angeles. He said witnesses in another car told police the women were taking a break from classes at the Bryman College, 3505 S. Hart Ave. in El Monte, when the accident occurred.

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contract, Saeta said.

Stark oversees the Los Angeles MTA's entire rail construction program, including the \$4.5 billion Red Line subway to North Hollywood.

Blue Line authority members William Dahl, the MTA's appointee to the panel, and Mike Hernandez, a Los Angeles City councilman, had backed Stark, leaving them on the short end of Wednesday's vote.

In an interview Tuesday, Hernandez said he supported Stark because he was already

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Mountain Avenue, Washington Boulevard, Marengo Avenue and Los Robles Avenue.

On Sunday, visitors will see Mansion Adena, an 1886 Victorian, and other homes inside and out, Boettcher said.

The event also will feature horse-drawn trolley rides, a raffle, a barbecue, and the sale of assorted mementos.

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# Risk from JPL soil, water called unlikely

**By Andrew Bridges** 

STAFF WRITER

LA CAÑADA FLINTRIDGE — A federal agency will issue Friday the final version of a report that states contaminated ground water and soil at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory are not likely to present a past, present or future health risk.

The issue has long been a controversial one for those living and working in and around the Arroyo Seco, which was used as a dumping ground for hazardous chemicals, including rocket fuel, mercury and sulfuric acid, for three decades beginning in the 1930s.

A 3-year-old lawsuit, filed on behalf of approximately 55 area claimants, alleges exposure to JPL-related contamination caused cancers and other illnesses.

According to a summary of the report, members of the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) visited JPL in 1997 and determined that humans could be exposed to contaminants either through ground water or soil at the National Aeronautics and Space Administration site.

However, the report found that risks associated with exposure were unlikely. In the case of the ground water, it was either not used for drinking or was monitored, treated and then blended to make it safe.

As for the soils, the report concludes exposure is also unlikely to cause any adverse health effects because of low exposure levels and/or infrequent or unlikely exposure. However, insufficient data exists to estimate exposures to perchlorate — a solid-rocket fuel component — in ground water prior to 1997, meaning the agency can not determine the risks associated with past exposures.

"If there is something in the environment that is not healthy for humans, if humans are not coming into contact with it, it's not going to harm them," said ATSDR spokeswoman Kathy Skipper. "That doesn't mean we're thrilled it's there in the environment. Our specific charge is to look at these chemicals or materials in the environment to determine whether

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between 1905 and 1917. She doesn't know the name of the architect for the home, designed for husband and wife Corren and Clara Doane.

Among the home's signature features are 36 windows, most of them the type that open out or slide up and down. "The architects for bungalows believed in open spaces and air ventilation," she said.

"The air flows between the

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# City officials stand by decision

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no environmental review at all," Bernstein said. "That is an egregious violation."

Racetrack spokesman Stuart

is "going wait and mount of done by the start of the Oak Tree racing season Sept. 29. "Let's wait and see how it looks," he said of the changes. "It's going to look terrific. Frank Stronach is spending a great amount of money to make Santa Anita the best racetrack in the world, and it's a good thing."

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## Lawyer disagrees with finding

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they are or will have an effect on human health."

Based on the findings, the agency recommends that JPL be assigned to the "No Apparent Public Health Hazard" category for volatile

organic compounds and the the "Indeterminate Public Health Hazard" category for potential past exposures to perchlorate.

Attorney Clifford Pearson, whose clients suffer or have died from Hodgkin's disease, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, leukemia and other ailments, said he "vehemently" disagrees with the report's finding.

"I don't agree with the report, my experts don't agree with the report and I'm sure it will be contested in the litiga-

CHAPMAN- A.A. (Al) Chapman, passed

away August 15, 1999 in West Branch,

Michigan. He was born November 29,

1927 in Flint, Michigan. Mr. Chapman

degrees. He was a member of Phi Delta

junior high school in Pasadena for 33

Kappa. Mr. Chapman taught grammar and

years. He is survived by two brothers, and

on his return he attended Pasadena College and earned his B.A. and M.A.

served in the U.S. Navy from 1945-1948,

For help with the publication of a paid obituary or memorial notice, please call (626) 962-8811 ext. 2468 or 1-800-788-1200 ext. 2468 or Fax (626) 962-8849. tion," Pearson said.

The report will be made available for public review beginning Friday through Sept. 20 at the main Pasadena, La Cañada Flintridge, Altadena and JPL libraries.

For more information about the report, call ATSDR Health Assessor Mark Weber toll-free at (888) 422-8737.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

on the Noise Compatibility Study for

#### BURBANK-GLENDALE-PASADENA AIRPORT

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# **OBITUARY**Notices

NELSON- Otto Ingernan Nelson, beloved husband of Flora Alexandra Nelson, father of Sandy Nelson and Ann Nelson-Wiegel. grandfather of Alexander Nelson and Katherine Orendorff, passed away August 15, 1999 at the age of 96. He was deeply loved and will be greatly missed by family and friends.

Otto was born in Princeton, Minnesota on August 9, 1903. The family moved to McCabe (Dane Valley) Montana, where he spent his childhood. After high school, he was commissioned by the First Governor of Montana, to West Point. He graduated from USC and had a 40 year career with the Richfield Oil Co. until retirement.

Funeral Services will be held at 2:00 P.M. on Friday, August 20, 1999 at The Church of Our Saviour in San Gabriel. Interment to follow at the San Gabriel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Los Angeles, 5900 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 1700, Los Angeles, CA 90036. TURNER & STEVENS, ALHAMBRA, Directors (626) 282-4131.

many nieces and nephews in Michigan. He will be greatly missed by his family and loving friends. Memorial will be held Saturday, August 21, 1999, 2:00 P.M. at the home of Virginia and David Spurlin, 3037 Zane Grey Terrace, Altadena. MATULA- John Matula, born in Roselle Park, New Jersey, February 3, 1915, passed away August 16, 1999. Survived

by brother, Frank Matula; sisters, Mary Christie and Dorothy Ferguson and many nieces and nephews. Funeral Mass will be held Friday, August 20, 1999, 7:00 P.M. at St. Philip The Apostle Church, Pasadena, Interment, Saturday, August 21, 1999, 12:00 P.M. at Resurrection Cemetery. CABOT & SONS, Pasadena.

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